

FOOTHILL TRANSIT

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Foothill Transit Executive Board was held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Foothill Transit Board Room, 100 South Vincent Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Covina, California.

President Lantz called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. The following Members were present constituting a quorum of the Executive Board:

Paula Lantz, President
Peggy Delach
Michael De La Torre
John Fasana
Lola Storing

Staff members and guests present:

Doran Barnes, Executive Director
Darold Pieper, General Counsel
Richard Hasenohrl, Director of Finance
Lee Millen, Deputy Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

President Lantz led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR AGENDA:

PROPOSITION 1B BOND CAPITAL PROJECTS

Richard Hasenohrl, Director of Finance, reported that the voters of California approved Proposition 1B which included the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Program (PTMISEA) to issue bonds and allocate \$3.6 billion to transit operators in California. Foothill Transit's estimated amount, (\$34 million), was included in the FY 2009 capital budget. In May when the business Plan (Budget) was adopted the actual amount and method of distribution was pending legislative action.

The State has since decided that only 20 percent of these bond funds will be available during fiscal year 09 for allocation using the State Transit Assistance (STA) allocation process. The amount allocated to Foothill Transit under this program is \$3,271,000 for FY 2009 while the budget included \$34 million. With the reduced funding, it will not be

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possible to complete all of the *capital projects* using Proposition 1B Bonds funds (copy on file).

The Transit Orientated Neighborhood Program (West Covina Park and Ride) project has begun while the other listed projects have not. This project has funding of \$10.4 million from prior fiscal years that could potentially be lost if these funds are not obligated prior to September 30, 2008. To obligate these funds certain planning steps need to be completed requiring that the project be started. The estimated cost of the West Covina Park and Ride is \$15 million requiring the prior year funding of \$10.4 million; the current year other funding of \$2.14 million and the current year Proposition 1B funding of \$3.27 for a total of \$15.81 million. The other projects while important do not have sufficient funding this year with the reduced Proposition 1B Bonds allocation.

Should additional funding be available, it is recommended that projects be completed in the following priority order:

1. *Transit Orientated Neighborhood Program* (West Covina Park and Ride);
2. *Administration Office* (Glazing/Elevators);
3. *Resurface Parking Areas* (Operation & Maintenance Facilities); and
4. *Replacement CNG Buses*.

Due to the lower than anticipated funding from Proposition 1B, all projects in the adopted Foothill Transit business plan will not be completed. This action would establish a priority order within the list of approved projects.

The Executive Board adopted staff's recommendation that the West Covina Park and Ride capital project be the number one priority for the use of Proposition 1B Bond funding, and established other priorities as noted.

Motion: Member Fasana, seconded by Vice President Delach
Vote: Unanimously carried

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENT

Doran Barnes reported that Washington Lobbyist Jan Powell advised regarding a transportation housing and public development bill that includes the transit funding program; although this bill has passed the House and Senate it has not yet been signed by the President. This bill would allocate \$3 million for discretionary funds for FY 2008. In addition, he reported on his appointment as Vice Chair to the California Transit Association, Executive Committee. The Executive Board offered their congratulations.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT

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Member Fasana reported that Metro recently discovered that the federal government is re-opening their congestion initiative for new applications and is supportive of the toll road concept. The entire east and west corridors from the 60 to the 210 freeways could include carpool toll lanes; County Supervisors Molina and Antonovich have concerns but they are supportive. Discussion and research regarding this issue could bring benefits that would supplement the upcoming reductions in funding and maintain the current quality of public service that Foothill Transit provides.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Executive Board special meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.